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(*b*) the profit earned or loss incurred by each bus for a year?

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" (*a*) The Government owned 342 buses on 1st June 1953 and 302 were actually running.

" (*b*) Profit and loss account is not maintained separately for each bus. However, on the basis of the profit earned by the Government Bus service for the last three years, it has been worked out that each bus is giving on an average a profit of Rs. 2,200 per year."

Grant of house-sites in Velagaleru village, Vijayavada taluk.

* 698 *Q*.—SRI M. LAKSHMANASWAMY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any requests for house-sites from the Harijans and Washermen of Velagaleru village of Vijayavada taluk in Krishna district from 1st January 1946 till now;

(*b*) whether they deposited any amount in the Vijayavada Sub-treasury on 5th March 1946 as first instalment; and

(*c*) if the answer is in the affirmative, the causes for so much delay in granting house-sites?

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" (*a*) & (*b*) Yes.

" (*c*) The draft declaration proposals are awaited from the Board of Revenue. The delay was due to the prolonged enquiries involved at various stages, the existence of crops on the lands at the time of demarcation, and the preparation of the estimates in respect of the superstructures on the lands."

Uplift of fishermen in Kakinada taluk.

* 699 *Q*.—SRI C. V. K. RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) what amount of money was spent by the Fisheries Department in Kakinada taluk in 1951–52; and

(*b*) what ameliorative measures were taken for the uplift of fishermen in the Kakinada taluk?

THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" (*a*) A sum of Rs. 16,327–0–5 was spent by the Fisheries department in Kakinada taluk during the year 1951–52.

" (*b*) (1) A deep-sea fishing centre with one power vessel at Kakinada was started in the year 1945 to demonstrate the improved methods of fishing to the fishermen.

(2) Two thousand seven hundred and thirty fingerlings were supplied to the public in 1951–52.

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(3) One hundred and twenty-five free licences to fish in the Corangi Bay which is replete with window-pane oyster beds containing pearls of inferior quality have been granted to fishermen.

(4) There are eight fishermen co-operative societies in Kakinada taluk with one multipurpose co-operative society functioning at Kakinada. Yarn depots have been opened at Kakinada and yarn and sail cloth are being distributed to fishermen at subsidized rates.

"The Society at Kakinada has also been granted the lease for collection of shells in Corangi Bay and also permitted to cut timber in the forests at Corangi Mada and Kundiguppa and use the bark of trees for dyeing nets.

"Every possible effort for the amelioration and uplift of the fishermen in Kakinada taluk is being taken."

Harijan Rural Welfare Officers.

* 700 *Q.*—SRI S. VEMIAH: Will the Hon. the Minister for Rural Welfare be pleased to state the number of Harijan Rural Welfare Officers in the State?

THE HON. SRI S. B. P. PATTABHI RAMA RAO :—" One."

Power-supply to certain villages in Kurumbranad taluk.

* 701 *Q.*—SRI P. KUNHIRAMA KIDAV : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any memorandum from the public that the Pykara Electricity should be supplied to the following industrial and agricultural centres in Kurumbranad taluk, viz., Quilandy, Balussery, Naduvanur, Perambra, Meppayyur and Payyoli;

(*b*) how many requests the Government have got from the Balussery Panchayat Board that Pykara Electricity should be extended to the Board's area;

(*c*) whether the Government have investigated about generating electricity from a waterfall at 'Nurumutty' also known as 'Urakkuzhi' in Malabar at Kayanna amsam in Kurumbranad taluk; and

(*d*) what is the result of the investigation?

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" (*a*) Representations were received from the Kurumbranad Taluk Congress Committee for extension of supply of electricity for industrial and other purposes in the taluk.

" (*b*) It cannot be stated definitely how many requests were made by the Balussery Panchayat Board. The panchayat board made representations in June 1952 for extension of supply of electricity to its area.